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SUBJECT: THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE"

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

REF: USNATO 2091 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 2114 (NOTAL)

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH POLADS DISCUSSION OF SOVIET CONCEPT OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" (REF A), CANADIAN DEL HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING ACCOUNTY OF A CONVERSATION IN MOSCOW BETWEEN THE CANADIAN AND PRC AMBASSADORS. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S TELEGRAM REPORTING THIS TALK WITH HIS CHINESE COLLEAGUE WAS DATED APRIL 15.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR BEGAN BY STATING
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THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT BELIEVE SOVIET WORDS ABOUT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THEY WERE SIMPLY A COVER UP FOR IMPERIALIST AIMS. THE REAL TOUCHSTONE OF SOVIET INTENTIONS WAS THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLAVAKIA. IT

WAS FOOLISH OF THE WEST TO PLAY AROUND WITH VARIATIONS
OF THE THEME OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN COMMUNIQUE.
THIS TENDED TO OBSCURE THE ISSUE EVEN MORE. WE OUGHT
TO BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR IN OUR MINDS THAT THE RUSSIANS
WERE USING THIS PHRASE TO HYPNOTIZE US INTO BELIEVING
THAT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH THE USSR WAS POSSIBLE.

CONTINUING, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
WERE INCREASINGLY PREOCCUPIED AT THE SIZE
AND EXTENT OF WESTERN INVESTMENT IN THE
USSR - " YOU ARE GIVING A SECOND SWORD, THE ECONOMIC
SWORD/ TO THE USSR. HE ARGUED THAT THE WEST WAS GRATUITOUSLY
ADDING TO THE STRENGTH OF THE SOVIET
ECONOMY AS WELL AS GETTING SO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN
IT THAT WE COULD NOT EXTRICATE OURSELVES WITHOUT
HARM TO OUR ECONOMIES.
END TEXT

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOVIET CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE IS NOT ON APRIL 22 POLADS AGENDA (REF B),
INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS WORKING ON ITS ANALYSIS OF THIS
SUBJECT: SO THAT U.S. VIEWS CAN BE REFLECTED IN FINAL
PRODUCT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S CON-
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